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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hold public information session on Restoration Advisory Board for former Pinecastle Jeep Range

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will hold a public information session to solicit interest for a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the former Pinecastle Jeep Range. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 8978 International Drive, Orlando, Fla.

The RAB is a community-based vehicle to provide a forum for two-way dialogue and information sharing. Individuals interested in the cleanup of the former Pinecastle Jeep Range project are invited to attend. Following an open application period, which ends on Oct. 10, 2007, a selection panel comprised of community leaders will select members from the community to participate on the RAB. Selected RAB members must agree to attend regularly scheduled meetings, serve as community liaisons, learn about the environmental restoration process and provide input to the Corps.

The Pinecastle Jeep Range is a former World War II military training and demonstration site that is being investigated by the Corps under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).

In July, surface munitions were removed from private property, owned by Mockingbird, LLC, adjacent to Odyssey Middle School in Orlando. In August, to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff, investigations were conducted on the school property prior to the opening of school. No items



were found on the surface of the ground, and soil samples were free of munitions constituents. Analysis of data collected during a geophysical survey with a magnetometer, to detect buried ferrous metal objects for further investigation, is under way.

For more information about the former Pinecastle Jeep Range site or the upcoming RAB information session, please visit our web site at www.saj.usace.army.mil or contact the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-1576.

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